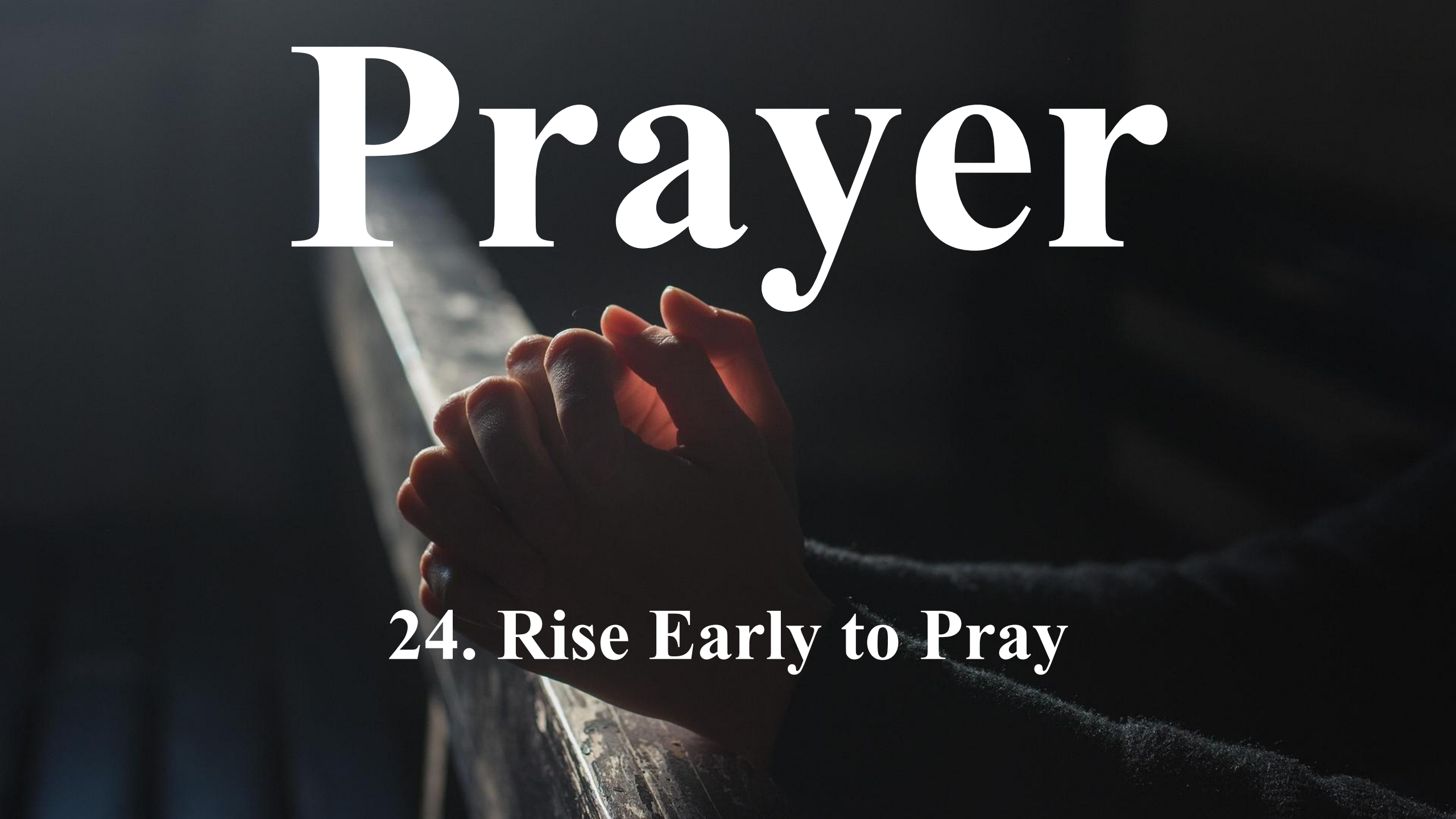

Prayer

24. Rise Early to Pray

Mark 1:35 "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Meaning: Thankfully we can pray anytime of the day or night. However, the scripture gives significant number of examples of those who prayed in the morning. David, Jacob, Abraham, Gideon, Moses, and Jesus are just a few examples of those who met God in the morning! It has been said, "A soldier puts his armor on to go to battle, not to go to bed." Our text gives us three thoughts concerning Jesus' prayer time in the morning. It was before sunrise, away from others, and in a particular place.

Application: Rising early to pray will do several things for you. It will keep you from being distracted by people, phone calls, or events of the day. The morning is the most peaceful and quiet time of the day. Starting the morning with prayer will set your spirit right for the remainder of the day. C. H. Spurgeon was right when he said, "It is a good rule never to look into the face of man in the morning 'til you have looked into the face of God."

Other Verses for Study: Genesis 19:27; 32:24-31; Psalm 5:3; 55:17; 57:8; 63:1; Proverbs 8:17

1. Jesus departed into a _____ place to pray.
2. What is one good reason for praying in the morning?

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3. Name one Bible example who prayed in the morning:

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"I feel it is far better to begin with God, to see His face first, to get my soul near Him, before it is near another!"